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PROLIFERATION AND FOR
TREATING AUTOIMMUNE
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - *Filing Date Granted***

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Formalities Letter mailed November 15, 2001 in connection with the above-captioned patent application. As the Letter provided a two month period for response, this paper is timely filed.

Enclosed herewith, and forming a part of this response, are:

- a copy of the Formalities Letter;
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
- a check in the amount of \$444.00 (\$370.00 basic filing fee; \$9.00 for one claim in excess of 20; and \$65.00 surcharge for late filing of Declaration/filing fee).

While Applicants believe the correct fees are enclosed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 08-1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 31, 2001

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$9.
 - \$9 for 1 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 444.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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